



# WINEMAKER'S CHOOSE- YOUR-OWN ADVENTURE

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## A LITTLE ABOUT ME

Winemakers – they are just like you! Spend a day touring around the Walla Walla Valley, selecting your path just like the winemakers do on their days off. Enjoy the day to day charm through the eyes of a local.

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### 8:30 AM | COFFEE STOP AT WALLA WALLA ROASTERY

Visit the [Walla Walla Roastery](#), for coffee and pastries for breakfast. The Roastery makes some incredible coffee – I would definitely recommend getting a few bags to take home.

### 9:15 AM | MORNING WALK AT BENNINGTON LAKE

After you've had your coffee, head over to [Bennington Lake](#) to take a walk on the [Mill Creek Trail](#). This trail is gorgeous in the fall as the leaves change.

### 11:00 AM | TASTING AT TRANCHE ESTATE

Begin the days wine tastings at [Tranche Estate](#). Their tasting room is surrounded by their beautiful Blue Mountain Vineyard - which we source some of our grapes from for Valdemar wines. It's the perfect spot to enjoy the beauty of wine country. Tranche also offers vineyard ATV tours – inquire with their team to schedule one and enjoy panoramic views of the blues and stomp through the vineyard.

### 12:30 PM | LUNCHBREAK AT BRASSERIE FOUR

Head to downtown for lunch at [Brasserie Four](#). This lunch spot is a favorite among Walla Walla Valley winemakers, and a great spot to people watch in downtown. Try the Niçoise salad for something light and fresh, or share a delicious bowl of bouillabaisse.



### 1:30 PM | SWEET TREATS AT BRIGHT'S CANDIES

After lunch, swing by [Bright's Candies](#) and grab some candy of your choosing – chocolate, fruity or something else! It's always good to have snacks during your tastings.

### 1:45 PM | NEW OR OLD WINE TASTING

For your afternoon of tasting, choose one of two paths – newer or founding wineries! Either option will offer a wonderful experience – and you can take the path you don't choose on your next visit.

If you want to try some newer wineries, start at [ALUVE](#) in the Eastside Wine District. Not only are the wines and owners JJ & Kelly wonderful, but their winery in the middle of their vineyard is a great spot to relax. JJ & Kelly attended the Walla Walla Community Enology & Viticulture Program, just like me!

If you want to take the founding wineries path, head out to the Westside Wine District for a tasting at [L'Ecole N 41](#). L'Ecole has been making showstopping wines for decades, and their tasting room in a historic schoolhouse is so unique. They were the third winery in the Walla Walla Valley.

### 2:45 PM | HEAD TO YOUR NEXT TASTING LOCATION

If you are on the "new" path, head over to the Incubators – an area that is home to five newer wineries in the Airport Wine District. Many of the owners and winemakers at these wineries also graduated from the Enology & Viticulture Program. A few of my favorites are [Ita Wines](#), [SMAK Wines](#), and [Hoquetus Co.](#)

If you are on the "founding wineries" path, head to [Woodward Canyon](#) – right next door to L'Ecole N° 41! They have a strong winemaking tradition, and a quaint tasting room. If the weather is nice, enjoy some time in their garden. They were the second winery in the Walla Walla Valley.

### 4:00 PM | HEAD TO THE SOUTHSIDE WINE DISTRICT OF THE WALLA WALLA VALLEY!

On the "new" path visit [Grosgrain Vineyards](#). Grosgrain has been open for a couple of years, and in that time they have planted some grape varieties that are new to the Walla Walla Valley. It's always fun to taste through their lineup.

On the "founding wineries" path, go for a tasting at [Amavi Cellars](#). Their tasting room features great views of the Valley and amazing wines. They also offer special experiences, such as a sensory experience, vineyard tours and happy hour! They have been making wine since 2003

### 5:30 PM | END THE DAY AT VALDEMAR ESTATES

End your day where I make wine - [Valdemar Estates](#). Enjoy a tasting and great views of the Blue Mountains. Enjoy a dinner of tapas and raciones while you are with us! If you are visiting on a Thursday, try the Txuleta (ribeye steak) and on Sunday, order the Paella. Cap off an amazing meal with the basque cheesecake – it's incredible.



#### WINEMAKER'S ADVENTURE PLAYLIST

Listen to the Winemaker's Adventure playlist, curated by Devyani, on Spotify as you wander. Scan the QR code to start listening.

